Community Safe Routes Committee
Monday, October 21, 2019 6:00 p.m.
75 North Bonson Street, Platteville, WI
Council Chambers - City Hall
Minutes

Anticipated Attendees: Kristina Fields, Cindy Tang, Maureen Vorwald, Robin Fatzinger, Danica Larson, David Ralph, Jason Artz

Anticipated Staff Attendees: Howard Crofoot, Luke Peters

1. Call to order at 6:00 pm

2. Approval of Minutes August 19, 2019 meeting — we will do this next meeting.

3. Citizen Comments, Observations, & Petitions
   a. Danica – Middle School Principal, Jason Julius, provided a map and discussion as to where students should cross Lancaster Road (Hwy 81), which is at the Camp Street intersection where there is a crossing guard.
   b. Kristina – requested that the city add material on the north and south sides of the wooden trail bridge on the north side of the gravel trail near Mitchell Hollow Road. The bumps are, at least, 3 inches and are jarring to cyclists.
   c. Kristina – there is now a supplementary sign posted under the trail stop sign on both sides of the MPO trail crossing near Hwy 80/81 south of the Business 151 intersection.
   d. Howard – volunteers from the PCA and Human Powered Trails replaced the wooden bridge deck on the MPO trail in the past few weeks.
   e. Currently, the Rountree Branch creek is flowing over the crossing near Super 8. Users can go around this wet crossing by using the Super 8 driveway, but there isn’t much room on the auto-vehicle bridge to accommodate a cyclists/pedestrian. This is another reason as to why a better, all-weather crossing, separated from auto-vehicle traffic, would be beneficial.

4. Old Business
   a. Business 151 project – IIW contract signed with WisDOT. We discussed the value of having a sidewalk connection from the Water St./Bus. 151 intersection to Culver’s. At the very least, this project should provide a space for a future sidewalk to be installed. There are four properties between the intersection and the trail to the east:
      i. Dunkin’ Donuts/Milio’s: the sidewalk will be installed with this project both on the west boundary and the north boundary. A developer’s agreement was put into place that requires the property owner to install the sidewalk when requested by the City.
ii. Strip Mall: no development agreement. This project needs to, at least, provide space for a future sidewalk to connect to the one that will be at Dunkin’ Donuts.

iii. Culver’s: space exists – development agreement? We need to check with Joe Carroll.

iv. Vacant parcel: no development agreement. This project needs to, at least, provide space for a future sidewalk to connect to the one that will be at Dunkin’ Donuts.

b. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation 2020-2021 Multimodal Local Supplement project
   i. Nicola and Howard will be talking with the Common Council during the first November Council meeting to discuss project recommendations. The following projects were discussed:
      • Chestnut Street – improve pavement and add sidewalk connection.
      • Southwest Road – continue sidewalk to the west over the existing three-barrel culverts over Rountree Branch, extend the culverts to provide a better crossing, the sun angle is difficult here to see auto-vehicles. Southwest Road is in the City of Platteville west until the power station and then is in Platteville township. Grant County (who has the jurisdiction for the township) does not enforce shoveling of infrastructure.
      • Main Street – improve large barrel culvert under Main just east of College Avenue.

   c. Rountree Commons: Mid-block crossing on Chestnut street – status – this project was approved by the Common Council and was in the paper last week alerting the public to its installation. It should be installed in the next month.

   d. Jenor Towers: Mineral Street crossing request – in process

5. New Business

   a. Crosswalk by Smith Park – citizen Jason Artz requested a crosswalk from Court Street to Smith Park. There are many children and people who cross here and the speeds on Camp Street travel 25 mph or more. The CSRC agreed that it would be nice to have a crossing here, but the installation of a crosswalk is challenging:
      i. There is no sidewalk on Court Street.
      ii. The slope is very steep on the Smith Park side, which would result in a slope that would exceed the ADA slope requirement.
      iii. Nearest crosswalks are at Camp and 4th Street and Jewett Street and 4th Street. It would be desired for folks south of Elmer Street to use the sidewalk on Elmer or Jewett to cross to 4th Street and then to walk on the 4th Street sidewalk to Smith Park and the pool. The
CSRC realizes this is unrealistic for residents in the block between Elmer and Camp Street.

iv. Short-term solutions discussed:
   • Info and map provided to residents, prior to summer – giving them suggested safe routes from their neighborhood to Smith Park and the pool.

v. Long-term solutions discussed:
   • Traffic calming on Camp Street.
   • Chicanes that would extend out farther in this location and could aid in obtaining the ADA slope.

vi. The CSRC was tasked with brainstorming solutions and bringing them to the November meeting.

b. Priority routes map – the CSRC discussed projects that would provide improved connectivity and safety. The CSRC is tasked with bringing suggestions to the November meeting. We discussed the following projects (not in any particular order/ranking):

   i. Reducing local street width in order to reduce local traffic speeds.
   ii. Jenor Towers/Mineral Street midblock crossing solution
   iii. Court Street/Camp Street crosswalk solution
   iv. Traffic Calming – short-term and long-term solutions
      • Camp Street
      • Stevens Ave

   v. Add sharrows from Chestnut Street to Hickory Street and College Avenue.
   vi. Pedestrian refuge island on Lancaster Road (Hwy 81) just north of Camp Street at the crosswalk.
   vii. Business 151 sidewalk continuation
      • From Water Street west to the trail
      • Along the south side connecting the existing sidewalk at O’Reilly’s to McDonalds.
   viii. Chestnut Street sidewalk continuation
      • From roundabout to existing sidewalk at Gridley Ave.
   ix. Trail improvements:
      • Fix bumps on bridge edges north of Mitchell Hollow Road
      • Improve drainage and have hardpacked gravel on trail near Faherty’s, north of County B

Minutes written by Kristina Fields